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NOTE FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for Interdepartmental Affairs

FROM: Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Notes for A/DCI's Discussion with Judge Clark

1. A Senator Percy request for two reports from ACDA regarding verification issues has raised the whole question of intelligence on this broad issue. ACDA asked the Agency's help in answering Senator Percy's questions, which included (1) the U.S. Government's ability to verify the recent START proposals, (2) ability to detect violations of SALT I and the unratified SALT II understandings, (3) Soviet compliance with the ABM Treaty, and (4) the U.S. Government effort assigned to verification issues, and an assessment of the Soviet's compliance with the ABM Treaty, SALT I, and SALT II. Since 1976 the SSCI, in general agreement with the various Senate Leaderships, has preserved this issue to its own domain, and reports to the rest of the Senate as appropriate. The SSCI reaffirmed this position to us only yesterday. We, therefore, have reported back to ACDA that while we will make sure they have access to all finished intelligence appropriate to their needs, we cannot assist in answering this new set of policy questions because the SSCI would view this as a circumvention of the strict guidelines ~~they have~~ established for the Agency and for the Senate. Of course, the Agency restricts its analysis to the question of monitoring capability by technical means, and leaves the policy issue of verification to the State Department.* (U)

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3. The Intelligence Committees continue to exhibit sharp interest in the Wilson-Terpil affair, and we are keeping them updated virtually on a day-to-day basis. We also continue to provide HPSCI with updates on covert activities

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4. The House and the Senate are scheduled to recess on 20 August and will reconvene on 8 September. (U)

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* Attached
 1. Draft letter from Goldwater to Percy
 2. Percy request to ACDA

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